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WHereas a desperate and dangerous Rebellion is raised, and an Army marching against Vs, and such other of Our good Subjects whose Loyalty and affection is eminent unto Us, in severall Counties of the Kingdome, under pretence of some Authority from both Our Houses of Parliament, and the same is done by Our consent, and for the safety of Our Person, whereby many of Our loving Subjects are misled and engaged in undutifull and disloyall Actions against Us, as disturbers of the Peace; We do, for the Information of all our Good Subjects, that they may be no longer corrupted or seduced by these false and damnable infusions, declare, That We do disavow Our consent to any of the ptetended Ordi-

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nances, and doe proteſt againſt the ſame, and all the proceedings thereupon, as ſeditious and treaſonable to our Perſon, Crowne, and Dignitie. And doe declare, That the Army now under the command of the Earle of *Eſſex*, and raiſed in any part of the Kingdome by his direction, or by the direction of any pretended Ordinance, is raiſed againſt Us, and to take away Our life from Us. And that he, and all that ſhall adhere to him, are Traytors by the knowne eſtabliſhed Lawes of this Kingdome: And therefore Our expreſſe command to you, and to every of you is,

That you forthwith raiſe all poſſible power for the apprehenſion of the ſaid *Earle* of *Eſſex*, and his Confederates; and that with ſuch Forces of Horſe and Foot you ſhall fight with, kill, and ſlay all ſuch as ſhall by force oppoſe you in the execution of theſe Our Commands, and ſuch who ſhall preſume to put the Ordinance of the Militia in execution againſt Our expreſſe pleaſure and conſent. And you ſhall purſue the ſaid Rebels and Traytors in the ſaid Counties, or in any other Counties or part of the Kingdome into which they ſhall retire themſelves. All which forces, ſo to be raiſed, ſhall have the ſame pay as the reſt of our Army is to have.

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You ſhall defend and Protect all Our Subjects from violence and oppreſſion by the illegall pretended Ordinance concerning the Militia, the pretended Ordinance for the Earle of *Eſſex* to be Generall, or any other Ordinance to which We have not or ſhall not give Our conſent. And ſhall no. ſuffer any of Our loving Subjects to bee troubled or moleſted for refuſing to ſubmit to the ſaid pretended Ordinances, but ſhall aſſiſt and defend them from any Summons, Meſſengers, Sergeant, or Warrant, which ſhall diſturbe them for the ſame. And the ſaid Meſſengers or Sergeants you ſhall apprehend and commit to priſon as ſeditious Diſturbers of the peace of the Kingdome.

II.

You ſhall, to your utmoſt power, aſſiſt the execution of Our Commiſſion of Array, which ought to be obeyed by the known Lawes of the Land; And if any Factious or Seditious perſons ſhall raiſe any power to oppoſe our ſaid legall Commiſſion, or the execution thereof, you ſhall, in you ſeverall Counties, levie men, and them lead out of your ſaid Counties to the place where ſuch force is raiſed, and ſuppreſſe the ſame. More eſpecially you ſhalbe ayding and aſſiſting to the

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Lord Marqueſſe *Hertford*, who is Authorized, by Our Commiſſion, Generall of Our Forces in the Weſtern parts; and to the Earle of *Cumberland* Our Lievetenant Generall for the County of *York*, and to the Lord *Strange*, and Colonell *Goring*: And to that purpoſe, you ſhall Levie ſuch other Forces of Horſe and Foote as the ſaid Marqueſſe ſhall, by his Commiſsion, give you power to do, under ſuch Colonells, Commanders, and other Officers as ſhall be, by him, appointed or directed within the ſeverall Counties mentioned in his Commiſsion, as the Earle of *Cumberland*, and as the Lord *Strange* ſhall likewiſe direct in the Counties within their ſeverall Commiſsions.

IV.

Our expreſſe pleaſure and Command is; That you diſarme all Popiſh Recuſants, and all ſuch other dangerous & ill-affected Perſons, and Brownists, Anabaptiſts, and other Sectaries, as well Clergy-men, as others, as have teſtified, or ſhall teſtifie their ill diſpoſition to the peace & govrnment of the Kingdome. And you ſhall endeavour, by cauſing Our ſeverall Declarations, Meſſages, and Anſwers to be publikely read in Churches, and other places, to clear Our proceedings from all falſe imputations and aſpertions; and ſhall from time

time to time certifie Us of all things neceſſary for the publike Service. And that Our directions to you, and your advertiſements to Us may have a cleer and ready paſſage, We do hereby Command all Poſt-maſters, That they do not ſuffer any Letters or other Diſpatches, to or from Us, to be intercepted or ſtayed, as they will anſwer the contrary at their utmoſt perils. And if any bold perſon, by what authority ſoever, ſhall preſume to make ſuch ſtay of thoſe diſpatches, you ſhall apprehend ſuch perſons, and ſhall give all aſſiſtance, and protection to thoſe perſons employed in ſuch Diſpatches.

V.

If you ſhall find any diſaffected perſons raiſing and parties againſt Us, ſpreading ſcandals or imputations to Our proceedings, like to diſturbe the peace of the Kingdome, you ſhall cauſe all ſuch perſons (upon good proofs of their miſdemeanors) to be apprehended and committed to priſon, till they ſhall anſwer their offences in ſuch manner as is agreeable to Law and Juſtice.

VI.

You ſhall take from the ſaid Rebels and Traytors, and their adherents, all Arms, Ordnance, and Ammunition; and ſuch as they have taken from

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any of Our good Subjects, you ſhall reſtore againe to the true owners. And whereas divers Seditious perſons, under pretence of Commiſſions from the Earle of *Eſſex*, preſume to Levie Horſe and Foot, and to collect money for the ſame, you ſhall ſeize upon all Horſes, Arms, Ammunition, Money, Plate, or other proviſions whatſoever, raiſed or provided under any ſuch pretences, and without Our expreſſe Authority, for the fomenting, or maintaining any ſuch unnaturall and unlawfull War againſt Us, the Religion, and the Law of the Kingdome. And you ſhall aſſure all ſuch Our well affected Subjects, who ſhall contribute any Aide and Aſsiſtance to Us, in this Our great neceſity, or obſerve theſe Our Inſtructions, That We will protect them with Our utmoſt Power, and venture Our Life, and Crown in their juſt Defence. Which Reſolution of Ours, you ſhall publiſh and declare upon all occaſions for the better encouragement of all Our good Subjects in that behalf.

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Given under Our Privy Signet, at Our Court at Nottingham, *the* 29 *of* Auguſt, 1642.

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